

Plenty of Food on Menu for Fans, Despite Mr. Hoover

Baseball Winter Circus To Open Here This Week

National, American and International Leagues Will Gather in Confab at City Hotels—Many Important Problems, Including War Tax, Confront Club Owners

By Louis Lee Arms
Baseball's mid-winter circus begins this week when club owners of three leagues gather in New York. Directors of the International League meet at the Waldorf-Astoria Tuesday, and the American League moguls will hear the tap of the gavel at the Hotel Wolcott Thursday.

- Among important things that will be determined are:
1. Disposition of Baltimore Federal League. Predicted compromise.
 2. Adoption of price scale to govern admission (with war tax included) to American and National League ball parks.
 3. Adoption of major league playing schedule.
 4. Decision to maintain or disband International League.
 5. Consideration of amendment (National League) to allow postponed games to be played off in any series desired.
 6. Consideration of amendment (National League) to allow players to be asked upon player without immediately forfeiting all player upon rival club's claim.
 7. Consideration of amendment to prohibit owners from making public offers for players on rival clubs.
 8. Outlining of general major league policies to be observed during war.

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Syracuse Five Defeats N.Y.U. By Big Margin

Local Team Weakens in Second Half—Floyd Egan Sprains Back

The speedy Syracuse University basketball team added another victim to its long list in defeating New York University on the latter's court on University Heights last night, by a score of 30 to 15. Syracuse easily outplayed its opponents, but its inaccurate shooting at times for field baskets cost it many points.

The Violet five held the upstate players down to a lead of 13 to 5 in the first half, but were unable to follow the pace in the second period. New York caged five goals from the field to twelve for Syracuse.

New York gave promise of furnishing something unexpected when it took the lead at the outset of the game. The playing was hard and after the first five minutes of play Cronauer, the Syracuse left forward, hurt his eye and had to leave the game. This permitted Brickman to replace Cronauer and the move seemed to put new life into the team. Brickman then led the fight and his basket from the floor a minute afterward tied the score.

From then on, the local five never kept pace with their opponents, although they kept the visitors on the go at all times.

The splendid passing of the Syracuse five was more in evidence in the second period. Each player showed good floor work and immediately began to increase its lead over the New York five. The latter five was badly weakened when Floyd Egan, its guard, sprained his back and was forced to leave the game. Dolly and Brickman then caged baskets consistently and the local team was left far behind.

The line-up follows:

Syracuse (30)	Position	New York (15)	Position
Dolly	Point	McGinnis	Center
Brickman	Left Forward	Stenberg	Center
Cronauer	Left Forward	Gardner	Center
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The Days of Real Sport



Crescent A. C. Second Team Squash Leaders

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Miss Bjurstedt at Best In Victory Over Miss Goss



Fordham Nine To Play Series With Columbia

The Columbia and Fordham nines will meet in a two-game baseball series this spring, it was announced yesterday. Last season only one game was arranged, and this was abandoned on account of the war. Since 1914 a home-and-home series has been played, which has generally decided the city title.

Before 1914 one game was played, and this was staged on Fordham Field. The count is about even in the matter of defeats and victories since the rivals first met, a score of years ago. The two colleges will be represented by now and inexperienced nines this season, and although the games will be played in April, before the teams swing into their proper stride, the rivalry promises to be as keen as in former years.

The opening tussle will be played on Fordham Field on April 10, and will probably be the initial contest of the season for both teams. South Side will be the scene of the second engagement, on April 27.

Joseph E. Kinsley, manager of baseball at Fordham University, announced yesterday that eight players had already been picked for the coming season. Only one game will be played with Georgetown, and this will be the banner attraction on the slate, being played on Fordham Field on Memorial Day.

Because Georgetown is not in a position to offer home games the prospective Southern trip of the Maroons will likely be called off. Two of the nine games expected to be played on the four were to be contested with the Washington collegians.

It is likely that practice will start a week from to-morrow. Every position on the team is open except pitcher, where McQuade and Finn, of the 1917 nine, should be able to handle the situation. Owing to the fact that a new team will have to be built, unusual efforts will be made to induce a large squad of candidates to come out for the nine.